



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Sadao KADOKURA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1753**

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Examiner: **Rodney Glenn McDonald**

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For: **BOX-SHAPED FACING-TARGETS SPUTTERING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING COMPOUND THIN FILM**

Attorney Docket Number: **032120**  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.